

State of Louisiana



Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling (LAGC) was founded in 1995 and received state affiliation with the National Council on Problem Gambling in Washington during 1996; and

WHEREAS, The Center Of Recovery (CORE) opened June of 1999 with funding from the Office for Addictive Disorders in Louisiana and the Gaming Industry. Since that time over 800 people have been treated for compulsive gambling in a residential setting; and

WHEREAS, The work of Louisiana Problem Gamblers Helpline was taken over by LACG on January 1, 2000. Since that time over 200,000 calls have been answered by helpline specialist including almost 10,000 calls requesting specific help for a gambling problem; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2003, LACG expanded its services in South Louisiana and opened 16 patients beds for the treatment of gambling problems and up to 120 out-patient places- again with funding from the Gaming Industry and the Office for Addictive Disorders; and

WHEREAS, LACG is constant in its efforts to meet the needs of problem gamblers and their families in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, This a collaborative effort being supported by the six gaming properties in the Shreveport-Bossier Market (Boomtown Casino & Hotel, Sam's Town Casino & Hotel, Harrah's Louisiana Downs, Hollywood Casino Shreveport, Horseshoe Casino & Hotel and Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel).

NOW THEREFORE, I Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 9-13, 2004 as

Responsible Gaming Week

In the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

Josh Keith
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 29th day of July

A. D., 2004

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
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